IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:

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Title:

N-LINKED SULFONAMIDES OF N-HETEROCYCLIC

CARBOXYLIC ACIDS OR CARBOXYLIC ACID ISOSTERES

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: